

Special Needs Resources and Useful Contacts



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Many resources are available to help those in Scouting - either preparing for, supporting or working with young people with special needs.

Special Needs Essentials

This resource is no longer available but the information is now available on factsheets.

Factsheets

A wide variety of factsheets focussing on both general and specific special needs information is available. They and other support materials are available from The Information Centre or from the Scoutbase UK website at

www.scoutbase.org.uk The support material is listed in the Information Centre catalogue under Special Needs.

The factsheets are regularly reviewed with new ones being introduced as needed.

Loan material

The following videos may be borrowed for an agreed time period from the Special Needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or

special.needs@scout.org.uk

NB. The following videos are a mixture of old and new. Whilst not always current, they may still be useful.

The Way to work – Mencap.

Stand up the real Glynn Vernon – a man's views, opinions, beliefs and plans for the future. Someone who happens to have Cerebral Palsy.

Given half a chance – information about Cerebral Palsy.

Every little breath – information about Asthma.

If you let me – Barnado's campaign to enable young people with a mental handicap to become all they can be.

Makaton, Nursery Rhymes – 19 Traditional songs and Rhymes . Presented by Dave Benson Phillips (Playdays)

Using the Makaton Vocabulary in Scouting
The Makaton Vocabulary

Out of Sight - Understanding Disability Educational Trust

The Right Stuff – facts and first aid for epilepsy
Children talking about Child Labour – Save the Children

Understanding Disability – Understanding Disabilities Educational Trust has produced two packs for 9-13 year olds (Cubs and Scouts) and 16+ age range (Venture Scouts and Leaders) on disability awareness. Each pack contains 4 videos and teaching notes. The programme covers four units: Disability and Physical, Hearing, Learning and Visual Impairment. The same 4 videos are used for both versions but the teaching notes are written for the different age ranges. There are also supporting resources which help to give positive, practical activities. The pack can be borrowed as a whole or just one unit.

New Age Kurling – New Age Kurling is a form of the game curling. Can be played by able bodied and disabled people on an equal footing.

Leisure for people with profound and multiple disabilities – Mencap

Level1 British Sign Language

Information on many external organisations and resources is available. Some of the topics covered are Aids, Vision Aid Overseas, Epilepsy, Blindness, Sign & Say, Educating and employing those with disabilities, Deafness. Information guides for those with disabilities are also available for The national Trust, Windsor, Legoland and London Underground Stations. Some organisations may be helpful for guidance in the production of specialised formats e.g. Braille

There are also various experiential resources that can be borrowed for information and learning situations.

For further information on any of the above, contact the Special Needs office at Gilwell Park on 0845 300 1818 or

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General Information

A great deal of information on many aspects of special needs is available from the Special Needs office. Some of the areas most often enquired about are listed below

CaF Directory – the Contact a Family Directory is a fantastic resource detailing a wide variety of specific disabilities and disorders. It describes the main features with pictures and details Support organisations. An updated copy is obtained each year.

Scout Holiday Homes Trust – the Trust runs a number of self-catering holiday homes situated around the country. They are available for people with disabilities or families with a disabled member. Also suitable for single parent or low income families. There is a Holiday Homes Trust office at Gilwell Park (0208 433 7290).

Access Audits – a resource that provides a guide and checklists for appraising the accessibility of public buildings. Gives useful information when considering building or adapting venues for special needs accessibility.

Funding – Various trusts and funds are available at Headquarters, County and sometimes even District. Nationally there is The Treloar Fund and for Greater London Counties only, The Agoonoree Trust. Both of these funds are to support Scouting with special needs. Application forms are available from the Special Needs Office at Gilwell Park. There are also many other trusts and funds with specific criteria which needs to be met e.g. Children in Need, Lotto, Rotary. Forms for these should be obtained directly from them.

External Agencies

Anaphylaxis – www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

Attention Deficit Disorders (ADDA/ADHD) – ADDISS – The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service

www.addiss.org

www.askjeeves.com then enter ADHD

Arthritis www.arthritiscare.org.uk

Autism - Autism Connect: www.autismconnect.org

National Autistic Society: www.nas.org.uk

Brittle Bones – Brittle Bone Society:

www.brittlebone.org

Cancers and Leukaemias - CLIC: www.clic.uk.com

Teenage Cancer Trust: www.teencancer.org

Cancerlink: www.cancerlink.org

Cystic Fibrosis – Cystic Fibrosis Trust:

www.cftftrust.org.uk

Deaf and Blind – Deafblind: www.deafblind.co.uk

SENSE: www.scope.org.uk

Diabetes: www.diabetes.org.uk

Dyslexia – Dyslexia Institute: www.dyslexia-inst.org.uk

Dyspraxia: www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Dyscalculia: www.dyscalculia.org.uk

Epilepsy: www.epilepsy.org.uk

Haemophilia – The Haemophilia Society:

www.haemophilia.org.uk

Hearing Impairment – British Deaf Association:

www.bda.org.uk

NCDS (National Deaf Children's Society):

www.ncds.org.uk

RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People):

www.rnid.org.uk

Resources and Information: www.forestbooks.com

Heart Defects – Children's Heart Federation

www.childrens-heart-fed.org.uk

British Heart Foundation www.bhf.org.uk

Muscular Dystrophy:

www.muscular.dystrophy.org.uk

Physical Disabilities

SCOPE: www.scope.org.uk

Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

The Sickle Cell Society: www.sicklecellsociety.org

UK Thalassaemia Society: www.ukts.org

Speech Impairment

Association for all Speech Impaired Children –

AFASIC: www.afasic.org.uk

Severe Learning Disabilities

Down's Syndrome: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Mencap (including The Gateway Award)

www.mencap.org.uk

Various Disabilities

The CaF Directory of Specific Conditions and

Rare Disorders 2002: www.cafamily.org.uk

Disability Information Resources:

www.diss.org.uk

Makaton - Programme for communication,

language and literacy skills www.makaton.org

DEMAND – design and manufacture for disability

www.demand.org.uk

Whizz-kidz The Movement for non-mobile children

www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

Visual Impairment

Action for the Blind: www.afbp.org

Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)

www.rnib.org.uk

Vision Aid Overseas www.vao.org.uk